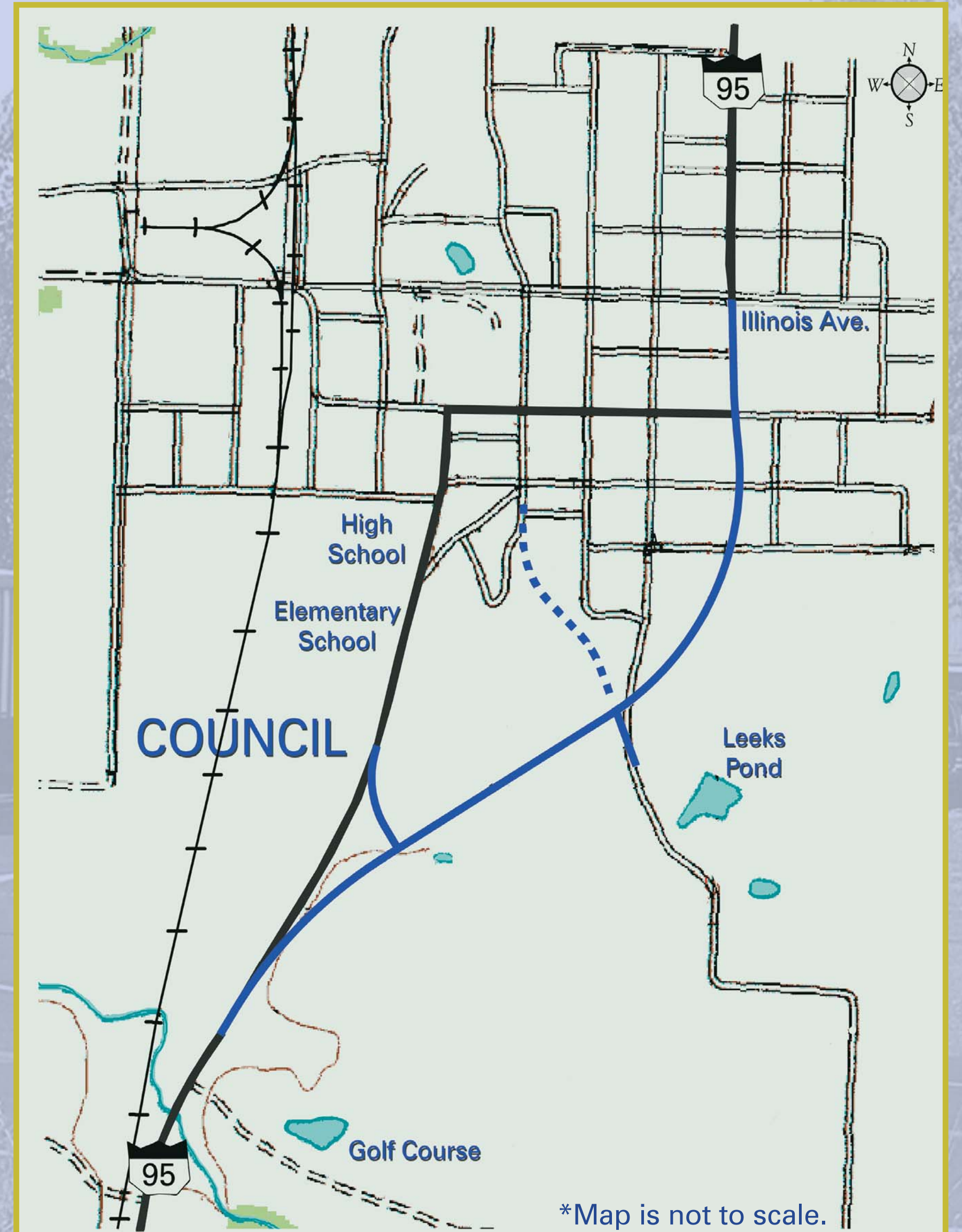
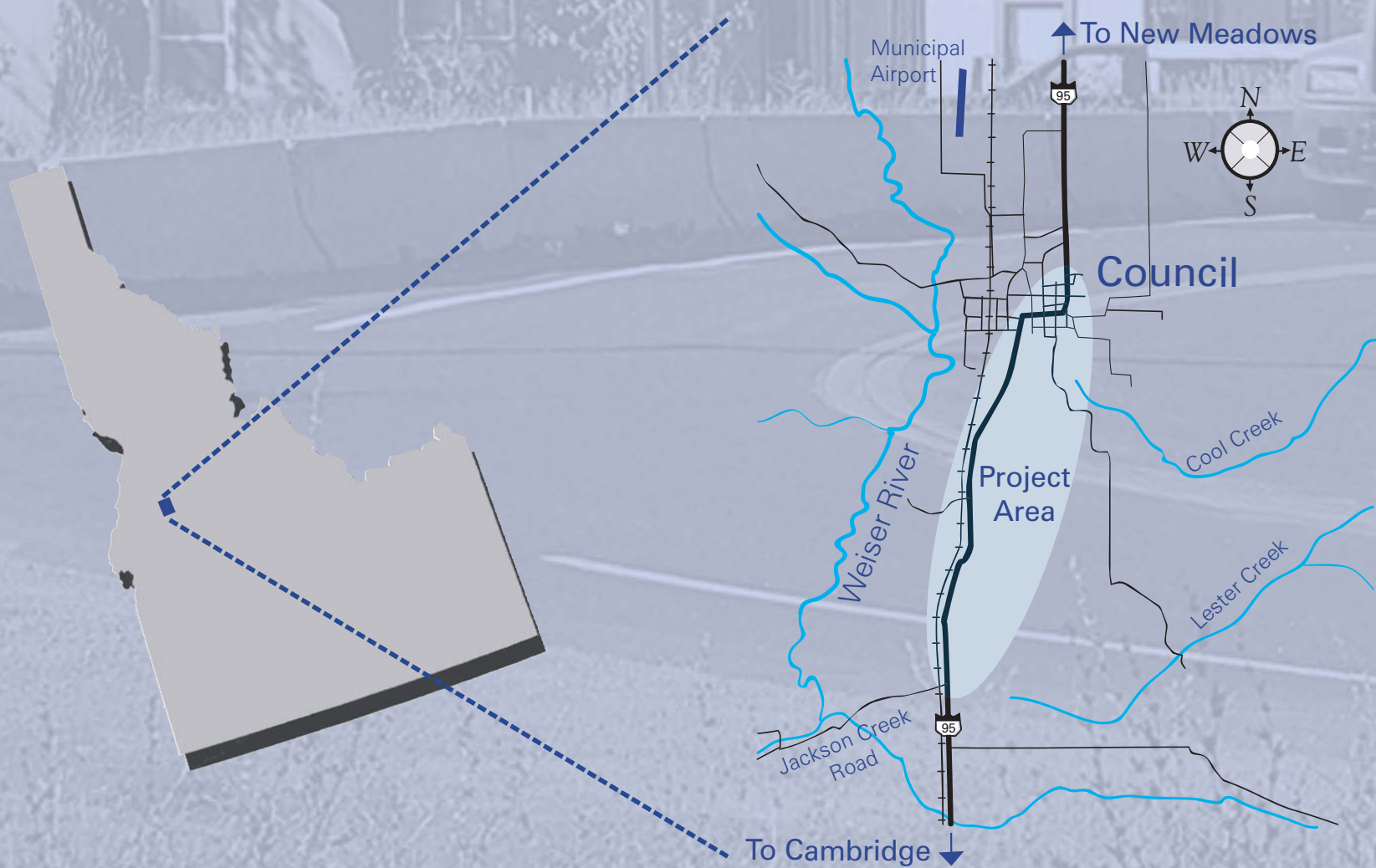


Project Description

Project Area

The Idaho Transportation Department is investigating an alternate route for U.S. 95 to be located in an area just north of Jackson Creek Road, approximately 2 miles south of Council, to the intersection of U.S. 95 and Illinois Avenue in Council.



Project Purpose

The purpose of this project is to improve pedestrian and traffic safety, reduce congestion, and reduce U.S. 95 through traffic within the downtown and southerly areas in Council, Idaho.

Project Need

- Routine safety hazards, increased congestion, and disruption of the free-flow movement of other motorists occurs due to the turning path for trucks and other long or oversized vehicles encroaching upon the opposing traffic lanes at the two 90-degree turns within the downtown area. Trucks get stuck as a result of the sharp turns.
- There is insufficient clearance for minimum clearance tractor-trailers (e.g., "low boys") and insufficient traction for trucks and cars caused by the excessive crown and slope of the existing roadway section in the downtown area (between the two 90-degree turns). Low boy tractor-trailers often scrape the existing pavement, and trucks regularly get stuck during adverse winter roadway conditions.
- U.S. 95 traffic is incompatible with downtown parking and pedestrian use of the existing roadway. Parked cars infringe on the turning movements of trucks and the free-flow movement of motorists, creating a hazard for vehicles and pedestrians.
- Pedestrians and traffic safety hazards and increased congestion occur near the adjacent school facilities.

